

Revisions to KEES Regulation

Action: The staff recommends that the council approve the proposed amendments to the administrative regulation titled, 13 KAR 2:090. *Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) Program* and file the administrative regulation with the Legislative Research Commission in accordance with the statutory requirements in KRS Chapter 13A.

These proposed amendments to the administrative regulation update the lists of five-year undergraduate programs and equivalent undergraduate programs, clarify instructions for submitting information by the children of military parents, and modify the KEES curriculum definition.

The proposed amendments are:

- That five-year engineering programs in which Kentucky residents enroll through the Academic Common Market be added ([Attachment A](#)) and that the University of Kentucky's undergraduate architecture program be removed from the list of five-year programs. UK re-configured its undergraduate architecture program as a four-year program when implementing a master's in architecture program. Students enrolled in five-year programs are eligible for 10 semesters of KEES awards. These programs require a significantly greater number of credit hours than most undergraduate programs.
- That additional equivalent undergraduate programs be added to the KEES List 402 ([Attachment B](#)) as requested by the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville. Equivalent undergraduate programs allow students to be classified as graduate-level students prior to completing a bachelor's degree. Students in equivalent undergraduate programs are eligible for eight semesters of KEES awards, despite being listed as graduate students in the latter part of the program.
- That the form used by the children of military parents to submit high school grade information, "Data Submission—KEES Form 302, September 2002," be modified ([Attachment C](#)).

- That the definition of the KEES curriculum be modified to allow students who graduate from high school at the end of the fall semester to earn KEES awards when they complete three or more courses of study during their last semester of high school. Current regulations require five courses to qualify for KEES support.

See the revised administrative regulation [\(Attachment D\)](#).

A public hearing on the proposed amendments is scheduled May 28, 1p.m., in Conference Room B at the council offices in Frankfort. The final version of the KEES administrative regulation will be submitted to the council.